Schemes	Amount in crores
7. Annual Maintenance of 5927 Sub-centres	105.89 (2002-03) [3 instalments of Rs. 13.42 crores each plus past arrears of Rs. 64.07 crore released this year]
8. European Commission assisted Health and Family Welfare Sector Investment Programme (SIP).	4.52(1999-2003)

Evening OPD in the Central Government hospitals

558. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI R.R GOENKA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently evening OPD have been introduced in Central Government run hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that doctors at some leading hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh have boycotted the decision pleading severe shortage of support staff in the already over-strained OPD;

(c) the steps taken to meet the genuine requirements for the support staff and also to provide for other needs of the hospitals so as to make the evening OPD equally effective and successful; and

(d) the present status of implementation of the scheme in various hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Evening OPD has started functioning from 9.1.2003 on a pilot basis in 4 major Central Governemnt Hospitals in Delhi, *viz.* All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated Hospitals and Safdarjung Hospital and in the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh from 2.12.2002.

(b) In so far as Central Government hospitals in Delhi are concerned, no doctor has boycotted the decision. The Postgraduage Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh has reported that there was some aprehensions among the junior doctors. However, the evening OPD is functioning normally with Sr. doctors and other staff.

(c) For effective and successful running of evening OPD, action has been initiated for redeployment of existing staff/creation of additional posts, if necessary.

(d)The evening OPD is fully operational in Central Government run hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh.

Loss in PTL

559. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRIC. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Praga Tools Limited (PTL), Hyderabad is running in losses;

(b) whether there is any demand from its employees and workers to transfer it to the Ministry of Defence; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various representations requesting for transfer of administrative control of PragaTools Limited (PTL), from the Department of Heavy Industry to the Ministry of Defence have been received from time to time. The matter was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. Such a transfer was not found feasible.

Restructuring plan for PragaTools Ltd.

560. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: